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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED APRIL 12, 2006

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated April 12, 2006, please enter the following amendments to the specification, drawings, and claims, and the remarks as follows.